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Stop the flow of fentanyl from China

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Help needed to fight opioid epidemic, says B.C. delegation

Canada needs international help in stanching the flow of deadly fentanyl from China, Public Safety Minister Ralph Goodale said Thursday after meeting with B.C. Premier Christy Clark about the country's escalating opioid epidemic.

Goodale, Health Minister Jane Philpott and Clark's B.C. delegation met in Ottawa ahead of a two-day summit that will bring together medical professionals and experts from across the country.

"The world has to take this seriously, just as we are taking it seriously," Goodale said outside the Commons.

Last spring, B.C. became the first province in Canada to declare a public health emergency following a dramatic spike in overdose deaths related to the use of drugs such as fentanyl.

It's vital that federal government takes additional action to crack down on the import of fentanyl from China, Clark said.

"British Columbia has been the front line of it," she said.

"We are the closest to China so we have really been dealing with it unfolding locally but ... as it moves across the country, we can't deal with it on a province-to-province basis. It has to be a national strategy."

Addressing a foreign stream of fentanyl will require personnel and appropriate technology at the border, Goodale said, adding it will also involve global partnership.

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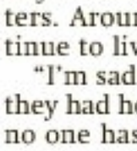

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

Advocates for residents of Vancouver's latest tent city say that instead of shutting down the encampment, the city should give them access to running water, toilets, showers and regular garbage pickup.

B.C. Supreme Court granted the City of Vancouver an injunction on Nov. 17. Residents of the tent city at 58 W. Hastings, which was erected at the end of June, must leave by 6 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 24.

"Tent cities or more structured encampments are not an answer to homelessness, but they are definitely a tool and I think it's one that Vancouver needs right now," said DJ Larkin, a lawyer with Pivot Legal Society, an advocacy group that unsuccessfully challenged the injunction in court.

At the tent city, residents weren't impressed by the city's offer of space in shelters. Around 14 people continue to live at the site.

"I'm sad because they said they had housing for me, and no one has housing for me," said a resident called Taz.

"They'll stick us in an SRO (single room occupancy hotel), well, every one of them has cockroaches," said a resident who gave his first name as Dan.

"There's a few good ones but they're all full. Living in the Regent" — a notorious SRO — "ain't much better than living in this tent."

Edgar Alan Rossetti, a former resident of a tent city that was shut down by the city of Vancouver on Nov. 17. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

Most of the city's shelters are full, and some tent city residents who had accepted the city's offer of shelter space found themselves sleeping in a chair in the hallway for multiple nights, Larkin said. People must leave the shelter every morning. "We're causing harm by displacing people every day," Larkin said.

The city has said it had no choice but to close down the camp after it became unsanitary and unsafe. Workers had to remove a portable toilet that was at the site in order to clean up a large amount of hazardous garbage that had accumulated at the site, communications staffer Tobin Postma wrote to Metro in an email. The city never stopped collecting garbage, he wrote.

> **"Vancouver really, really needs to be looking at this option seriously.**
> DJ Larkin

But Larkin said the toilet was removed and regular garbage pickup was halted shortly before the city filed the injunction.

Dan said he left the tent city for a time because he didn't feel safe; another former resident, Edgar Alan Rossetti, said his tent had been stolen while he lived at the site.

"There were less-than-desirable things happening and people here, we got rid of them," Dan said.

"I leave my tent here all day, I don't worry about my stuff in it."

Asked whether he would live in an official tent city with amenities like toilets and showers, he said: "I would live here without the toilet and (all) that. Why? Because there's safety in numbers and we all can look out for each other. I actually feel safe here."

Official tent cities have been shown to be successful in several American cities, including Seattle and Portland, Larkin said.

"It would help people get off the street and connect them to services," she said. "Vancouver really, really needs to be looking at this option seriously."

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TRANS MOUNTAIN

Environmental group to begin activist training

Cara McKenna
For Metro

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip leads protesters in 2014. A rally Saturday will include a recreation of arrests on Burnaby Mountain in 2014 after activists trespassed onto Kinder Morgan's work site.
JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO FILE

People attending a mass rally against Kinder Morgan on Saturday are expected to make a group pledge to take escalating actions if the pipeline project is approved.

The event will begin at City Hall at noon and is expected to draw hundreds of people, including indigenous, provincial and municipal leaders, as well as Green Party leader Elizabeth May.

Eric Lescarbeau of Climate Convergence, the group that organized the event, said people will pledge to resist Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion.

He said those who pledge will be added to a group that will be trained in different tactics and strategies to resist and do "whatever it takes" to stop the pipeline if it's approved by Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

The federal cabinet has until Dec. 19 to make its final decision on the project.

"I don't want to be too specific," Lescarbeau said.

"Basically they'll be organizing efforts to bring those people together."

During this weekend's event, people will be asked to cross yellow tape as a way to symbolically pledge their resistance to Kinder Morgan's proposed Trans Mountain pipeline expansion project.

"We're going to kind of be recreating the arrests that happened on Burnaby Mountain," Lescarbeau said, referring to the dozens of people who were arrested for civil contempt after trespassing onto Kinder Morgan's work site two years ago.

Grand Chief Stewart Phillip of the Union of B.C. Indian Chiefs was one of the people arrested on the mountain, and will be leading that part of the rally.

"I have continuously and consistently indicated my willingness to be arrested a second time or more if necessary," Phillip said.

"I don't think there's any doubt that as we move forward this whole issue will intensify, and the writing is on the wall in that regard."

Phillip said this weekend's rally will mark the beginning of large-scale, Standing Rock-like protests that will happen if the Trans Mountain project is approved.

"It's not over with just Trudeau giving the green light to this project, people will continue to oppose and obstruct and protest," he said.

"What triggered Standing Rock is the fact that the company was out on the land attempting to actually construct the pipeline.

"In the event that Kinder Morgan actually gets to that place, you can expect the same reaction."

Lescarbeau said resistance to fossil fuel projects is a must given the dire impacts of climate change.

"Science has been very clear on this, there's no wiggle room," he said.

"Either we stop the expansion of the fossil fuel industry or we're going to be facing increasingly painful impacts."

FOOD NOTES

VICTORIA FAVOURITE OPENS IN GASTOWN

Abby Wiseman
For Metro | Vancouver

The server at Jam Café warns me that the Red Velvet Pancakes are big — like, birthday cake big. I half-heartedly believe him, but order it anyway. There are always take-out containers.

When it arrives at my table I let out an involuntary laugh because he wasn't kidding. Put a candle in it and you have a birthday cake. People dining at Jam turn to have a look and I feel especially conspicuous when he brings my second order to sample.

I'm not sure what animal would have a big enough stomach to eat all this food, but I'm guessing an elephant would come close.

People in Victoria have been enjoying Jam Café's big portions of hearty comfort food and all day breakfast for years, but owner Mike Deas-Dawlish is giving Vancouverites a chance to indulge at the new location at 558 Beatty St.

Any decent breakfast joint in Vancouver is almost always packed out, but while dining the atmosphere feels relaxed. The service was good, but not hurried. The room was busy, but not uncomfortably cramped or noisy.

The menu is large and diverse with fun and filling meals like Chicken N' Waffles, Pulled Pork Pancakes and Green Eggs and Ham.

The Red Velvet Pancakes ($14) comes in a stack of three rich, moist and chocolaty pancakes. It stands at about three inches high and about the width of a 10-inch pie pan. What really makes it is the cream cheese icing drizzled on top.

I'm more of a savoury breakfast eater, so the Little Charlie ($12) with hashbrowns, homemade buttermilk biscuit, diced ham, and green onions, topped with two eggs and sausage gravy, really hit the spot. I made it through about half of the bowl, so I hate to see what the full size Charlie looks like.

Jam Café is one of those places where you go to feed your soul — especially after a night of Holiday libations — with some comfort food. You will leave there with take-away containers and a busting gut, but that's what those yoga pants are for.

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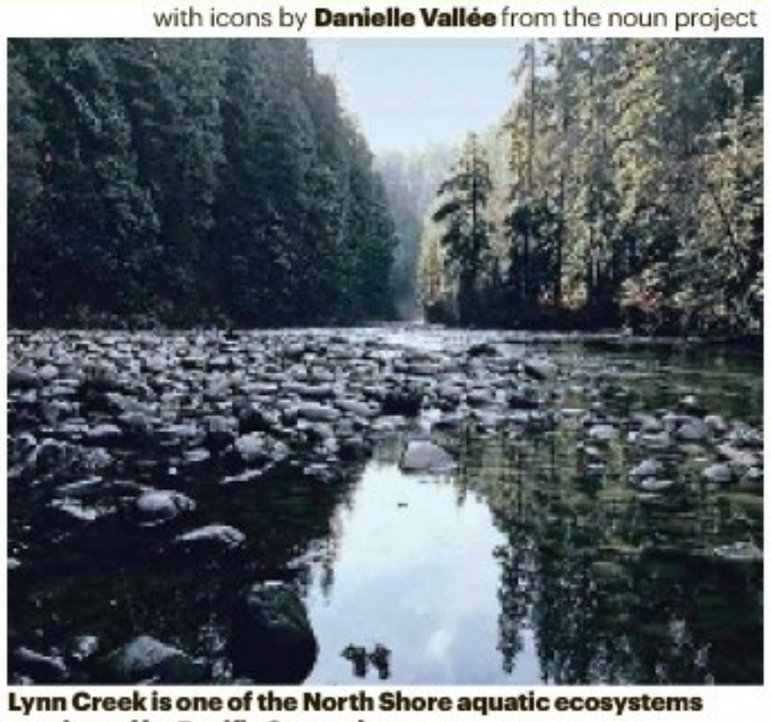

Lynn Creek is one of the North Shore aquatic ecosystems monitored by Pacific Streamkeepers. AMY LOGAN/METRO

Science in your hands

City's citizen scientists are gathering essential data

Amy Logan
For Metro | Vancouver

From binocular-clad bird enthusiasts meticulously identifying and counting species around the city to teenagers carefully monitoring bee activity, Vancouver is a hub for citizen science, a new approach to research.

Members of the public collect and analyze data, collaborating on projects.

The goal is to get the general public excited about, and actively participating in, scientific research and discovery.

It was volunteer streamkeepers in West Van who recently sounded the alarm about invasive American bullfrogs threatening salmon populations.

Wild bird aficionados in one small East Van park alone recorded over 20 native bird species in 2015.

All across the city, average citizens are gathering essential data.

The Stanley Park Ecology Society hosts monthly bird surveys in Stanley Park, including an upcoming winter seabird survey.

At Pacific Spirit Park, citizen science projects include water quality sampling and invasive plant mapping.

As Teresa Beer, spokesperson for the David Suzuki Foundation put it, "citizen science engages volunteers in systematically collecting information to better the environment and human health."

One key aspect of citizen science is that "findings are transparent and publicly accessible."

Citizen science initiatives are expanding across the region. The David Suzuki foundation recently partnered with SciStarter, the largest database of citizen science projects in the world, and citizen science is increasingly mentioned in scientific citations, from 50 in 2006 to 600 in 2013, noted Beer.

One of the reasons is likely the "growing access to technologies to carry out projects, such as apps used as data collection platforms," she said.

Observing and taking samples from aquatic habitat, the Pacific Streamkeepers Federation is made up of numerous local groups who exchange information, facilitate training and promote local management of aquatic resources.

Executive director Zo Ann Morten pointed out that their citizen science volunteers have an "enthusiasm for the environment."

Citizen science helps people to "learn more about what's going on in our own backyard. It's a way to meet neighbours and like-minded volunteers," said Morten. For her, one of the most satisfying aspects of citizen science is "seeing people's eyes open" as their perspective moves from micro to macro and back again.

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Prep Time: 10 minutes | Cook Time: 15 minutes | Makes 4 Servings

Ingredients

400 g (1 lb.) Flank Steak

8 Casa Mendosa Corn 4 inch Tortillas

3 tbsp (45 mL) canola oil

3 bell peppers, seeded and sliced

1 yellow onion, sliced

2 cloves garlic, minced

2 tsp (10 mL) kosher salt

1 ½ tsp (8 mL) ground cumin

½ tsp (3 mL) Mexican chili powder

¼ cup (60 mL) fresh cilantro

salsa, sour cream and guacamole for serving

Directions

1. Preheat the broiler to high. Season steak liberally with salt and pepper. Broil steak about 4 inches from the heat for 2 to 3 minutes on each side for medium-rare meat. Transfer steak to a cutting board and let it sit, covered with tinfoil for 8 minutes. Preheat oven to 350˚F (180˚C).
2. While the steak is resting, wrap tortillas in tinfoil and heat on the middle rack of a preheated 350˚F (180˚C) oven for 5 minutes.
3. In a large skillet heat canola oil over moderately high heat until it is hot but not smoking. Add bell peppers, onion, and garlic, and sauté stirring for 5 minutes, or until the bell peppers are softened. Mix in salt, ground cumin and chili powder.
4. Slice the steak thin across the grain on the diagonal and arrange the slices on a platter with the bell pepper mixture. Drizzle any steak juices over the steak and the pepper mixture. Serve steak and pepper mixture with tortillas, salsa, sour cream, guacamole and cilantro.

Tip: Substitute chicken breast for the steak.

save on foods

Vancouver votes in changes to metre rates

TRAFFIC

City says move will modernize infrastructure for parking

Parking rates are about to climb in Vancouver, depending on where and when a space is needed.

Vancouver councillors have approved a new parking program that will set one rate for daytime and another rate for off-peak periods and will hike meter rates by one dollar per hour in areas where meters are occupied at least 85 per cent of the time.

But on blocks where metered spaces are used less than 60 per cent of the time, the city says parking rates will drop by one dollar per hour.

A release from the city says decisions on the number of meters to see higher, or lower, rates will be made early next year.

The effect increased rates have on parking capacity would be closely monitored so if people stop parking in a certain area, the rates would be lowered again.

The city says the move is needed to modernize its parking infrastructure and help meet Vancouver's transportation goals.

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HARM REDUCTION

Overdose deaths in B.C. rise in spite of public health efforts

The death toll from illicit drugs will likely continue rising because of stronger opioids, an onerous federal law, and accidental overdoses among people who unwittingly take a killer pain medication, says British Columbia's medical health officer.

Dr. Perry Kendall said a record-number of fatal overdoses have officials in several cities across the province urging the federal government to approve facilities where drug use is supervised and overdoses can be reversed.

The BC Coroners Service released figures Wednesday showing there were 622 fatal overdoses from illicit drugs between January and October compared with 397 during the same period last year.

The powerful painkiller fentanyl was detected in about 60 per cent of all illicit drug deaths between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30, triple the number during the same months in 2015.

> **If I was in Europe, supervised-consumption sites would be quite a standard process.**
> Dr. Perry Kendall

Addicts, families who have lost loved ones and health officials are calling for supervised-consumption sites where drugs can be taken under a watchful eye and where people can get access to services for other needs, including mental health.

However, in order to open a supervised-consumption site, health authorities must meet more than two dozen conditions, from getting police to write a letter of opinion, supplying the resumes of staff members who would work at the facility and getting community input.

"If I was in Europe, supervised-consumption sites would be quite a standard process," Kendall said, adding widespread access to drug-substitution therapy needs to be provided.

"I think we're going to have to move in that direction in Canada because I don't think otherwise we're going to curtail this epidemic and stop people dying."

British Columbia declared a public health emergency in April due to the escalating overdose deaths and provided free kits of the overdose-reversing drug naloxone in emergency departments and clinics.

The number of drug overdoses has surged in Victoria, where the coroners service said 51 people have fatally overdosed so far this year, nearly triple the 18 who died after taking illicit drugs during the same period last year.

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BY THE NUMBERS

622

The number of fatalities in British Columbia due to illicit drug overdoses between January and October of this year.

397

The number of fatalities in the province in the same time period last year.

60%

Fentanyl was found in about 60 per cent of illicit drug deaths between Jan. 1 and Sept. 30 this year.

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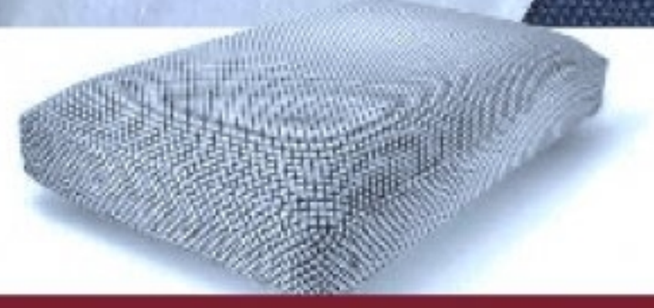

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MEXICO

B.C. man dead, Canadian under arrest

A Canadian killed in Mexico has been identified by family and friends as a 48-year-old man from Victoria.

Several Facebook posts offered condolences to Roger Corbett's family, and his son refers to Corbett as his rock and foundation.

A post from the family said Corbett died while on vacation.

A colleague at his Victoria business, Corbett's Painting Ltd., said Thursday the death has come as a deep shock.

"I don't see the benefit of discussing it any further," said a woman at the Corbett office.

"I'm the accountant for his business and we've got a family that's deeply in grief."

The woman said members of Corbett's family were unable to comment.

"Right now they are just too involved with what's going on for them personally."

Global Affairs Canada confirmed they are providing consular services to the family.

Department spokesman Austin Jean also said a second Canadian was taken into custody in Mexico following Corbett's death and consular staff are assisting him too.

Jean said Canadian officials are trying to gather more information, but further details can't be released due to privacy concerns.

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> **When somebody passes away in another country, it just complicates things further.**
> A woman at the Corbett office

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Woman's body found

FLORENCE LEUNG

Mother of two-month old was reported missing Oct. 25

Jen St. Denis
Metro | Vancouver

The body of a missing New Westminster woman who was last seen in Vancouver's West End neighbourhood has been found in the waters off Bowen Island, according to police.

New Westminster Police say foul play is not suspected.

A Facebook page dedicated to the search said the 32-year-old mother of an infant boy was discovered by police on Nov. 15 and her husband was notified.

Details of the find have not been provided and both New Westminster and Vancouver police have not released any information.

Leung had been reported missing by her family on Oct. 25.

Her car was located the next day in Stanley Park.

New Westminster Police said her family was very concerned about Leung's disappearance because the mother of a two-month-old baby may have been suffering from post-partum depression.

Except for some surveillance video from a Vancouver convenience store, no trace of her was found during an extensive search.

The Facebook post thanks everyone who helped in the search for Leung and asks for privacy for the family.

"Florence, you are missed dearly in our hearts. We believe you are at a better place now watching over us with your loving, caring, and warming heart," the post concludes.

The Pacific Post Partum Support Society offers help for those feeling sad, anxious or overwhelmed following the birth of a child. Call 604-255-7999, or toll free at 1-855-255-7999. B.C.'s Crisis Centre can be reached at 1-866-661-3311 or 1-800-SUICIDE.

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SEIZURE

Police allege suspect hired drug addicts to steal for him

Wanyee Li
Metro | Vancouver

A prolific alleged criminal is behind bars after Vancouver police seized about $100,000 worth of stolen goods — much of it in the form of baby formula.

Officers seized about $50,000 worth of baby formula in early November after receiving a tip that large amounts of the product were disappearing from store shelves.

Police allege the mastermind behind the operation was hiring drug addicts to steal product for him. The suspect would then sell the product for triple the price in Asia, where demand for Canadian baby formula is high, according to Detective Const. Doug Fell of Vancouver Police Department's anti-fencing unit.

Fencing is the act of buying and selling stolen goods.

"What happens here is the mobile fence uses a predatory method," he told reporters Wednesday.

"This individual would provide (drug addicts) money to get their drug fix, and then they would go and boost for him."

Police believe the suspect has been operating in Metro Vancouver for about a year, hiring 10 to 20 people a day and gathering over $200,000 worth of stolen product in total. That's worth about 70 per cent of all stolen baby formula in the region, said Fell.

Officers followed him and saw thieves bring him up to 24 units of baby formula at a time. The suspect stored the stolen goods at a Strathcona residence, according to Fell.

He called the operation, "predatory fencing," because it preyed on society's most vulnerable to do the dirty work.

The suspect, who has no criminal history, will face trafficking and counselling-to-commit-offences charges, he said. Other charges are being considered for two other individuals involved in the operation.

This is one of the biggest stashes of stolen retail goods Vancouver police have ever seized and authorities hope this sends a strong message to criminals that this kind of operation is no longer feasible.

"They are not under the radar anymore. We hope there will be a significant drop because we feel this individual had capitalized on a unique market," said Fell.

Retailers will dispose of all $50,000 worth of seized baby formula because there is no guarantee the product has not been tampered with or was stored in appropriate conditions, said Tony Hunt, London Drug's general manager of loss prevention.

It's a problem that retailers have to deal with on a daily basis, with about 1.5 per cent worth of sales lost due to theft every year, he said.

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HEALTH

Retired general will speak at military, vets research forum

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

He's considered a hero who saved countless lives in Rwanda in the 1990s.

But when retired Lt. Gen. Romeo Dallaire speaks before a conference of researchers and policy-makers in Vancouver next week, he'll be talking about a subject much closer to his heart: the "internal battlefield" of mental health he's grappled with in the years since.

The Canadian senator and recent author of Waiting for First Light — a memoir of his struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder — is just one of the keynote speakers at a conference in Vancouver next week hosted by the Canadian Institute for Military and Veteran Health Research.

Retired lieutenant-general Romeo Dallaire. ADRIAN WYLD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

"His experience as a (Canadian Forces) member became an inside battlefield — to struggle against all the ghosts and memories," said the institute's co-founder and scientific director, Dr. Stephanie Belanger, an instructor at the Royal Military College of Canada. "He's been at our forum every year. He believes that research will make a better world through better-informed policies and practices. He's been a great supporter."

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The event, in its seventh year, will bring together an estimated 600 experts, including academics, politicians, military personnel and senior officials.

The hope is to offer the most up-to-date expertise on health issues affecting currently serving personnel, veterans, and their families.

"It's a great opportunity for knowledge to be readily accessible, and to make an impact right away," Belanger, who is herself a reservist, said in a phone interview. "It allows them to make better decisions after you can show them tools to make those decisions. That's why this forum is magical: there's a bit of synergy going on."

Fellow co-scientific director Dr. Heidi Cramm specializes in Canadian military families and the unique health challenges they face, as well as the barriers to access many face because of frequent moves across provincial boundaries.

She said the event is a rare chance to bring together front-line workers — who serve veterans and Forces members directly — with those who help shape services and policies available.

"That's part of the magic," she told Metro, "because that's where you can get at some of these messy problems.

"None of these issues can be solved or understood by any single individual or agency. They require a lot of different players at table, who are willing to engage and collaborate."

The seventh annual Military and Veteran Health Research Forum will take place at Vancouver's Westin Bayshore Hotel from Monday to Wednesday.

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European contact a killer

GENETICS

Indigenous DNA suggests fatal link still exists

David P. Ball
Metro | Vancouver

Nearly six in 10 B.C. indigenous people died as a likely result of first contact with Europeans, according to a U.S. journal article published Tuesday.

But what surprised University of Illinois academics behind the study — which sequenced the full genes of 25 modern Tsimshian and 25 of their 6,000-year-old ancestors' remains in the Canadian Museum of History — was that those who survived kept a signature of the tragic "collapse" deep in their DNA.

They discovered that one immunity-related gene had changed from ancient to modern Tsimshian DNA.

"This is the first genome-wide study — where we have population-level data, not just a few individuals — that spans 6,000 years," said University of Illinois anthropology professor Ripan Malhi in a statement.

The Nature Communications paper's authors used genetics to surmise a 57 per cent decline in the Tsimshian population, one of the largest indigenous groups in B.C., as recently as the mid-1800s. That was no surprise to members of the two First Nations — Lax Kw'alaams and Metlakatla — involved at every stage of the research.

"Using DNA and genetic studies is another tool that corroborates what we've been saying all along," said Barb Petzelt, Metlakatla First Nation's treaty co-ordinator and report co-author.

Members of Metlakatla First Nation celebrate the opening of a community clinic in this undated file photo. CONTRIBUTED

LEVIATHAN II

Survivors of sinking boat file civil suits

Survivors of the sinking of a whale-watching boat off British Columbia's coast last year are recounting their harrowing escape from death as they swam for the light above the ocean.

Five Britons and one Australian died when all 27 aboard were tossed in the ocean on Oct. 25, 2015, after the Leviathan II was hit by a wave, tipped up and capsized.

Two couples are the latest to file civil lawsuits in Federal Court alleging negligence against the vessel's owner, Jamie's Whaling Station. At least 11 other survivors and several family members of the six people who died have also filed court action.

Jamie's's Whaling Station has yet to file statements of defence in the latest lawsuits, but in response to earlier court actions the defendants denied claims of negligence.

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Startup able to redo brush strokes of iconic paintings

Wanyee Li
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A Vancouver startup has found a way to recreate iconic paintings from Van Gogh and Monet right down to the individual ridges made by their brush strokes.

Arius Technology scans the artwork to create a 3D file of the piece and sends it to the Netherlands where a 3D printer prints an exact replicate on an aluminum sheet. Then the recreation is framed before it is sent to consumers around the world for their homes. The project is called Verus Art.

It's a game-changer for art lovers, said Paul Lindahl, CEO of Arius Technology.

"We're able to replicate the brushwork and recreate the original to the point where it is virtually impossible to tell the difference," he told Metro.

"In the past, reproductions have been flat. We've brought it now to 3D."

The 3D scanner is designed to handle priceless works of art and captures even minute details, down to ten microns, which is a tenth the width of a human hair.

"If there is a micro crack in the art, there would be a micro crack in the reproduction."

But artists don't need to worry that these recreations could be passed off as originals because although there is virtually no difference when the painting is framed, its aluminum backing is a dead giveaway, said Lindahl.

Verus Art recently launched its recreation of artwork from Canada's National Gallery. Art fans can now buy replicas of Cézanne's work for their living rooms.

"Its about bringing art to the people, including to their homes," said Lindahl, who has a Monet recreation above his fireplace. The recreations aren't cheap — pieces go for anywhere from $650 to more than $6,650.

Verus Art is in talks with other museums to expand its collection, according to Lindahl.

Paul Lindahl, CEO of Arius Technology, shows a 3D printed version of Van Gogh's Bowl of Zinnias and Other Flowers and the 3D scanner that scanned the priceless original to make the recreation possible. JENNIFER GAUTHIER/METRO

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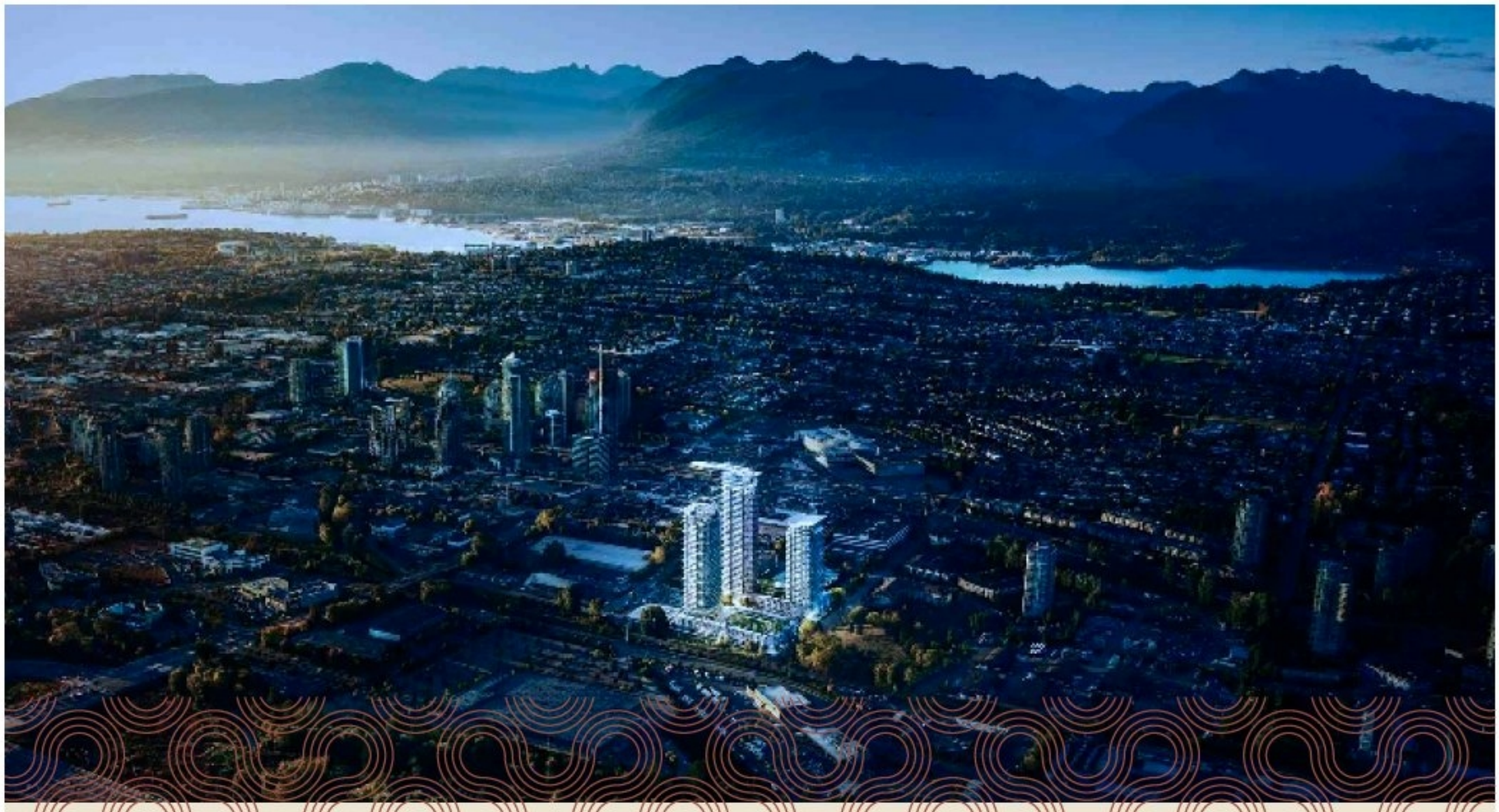

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Manitoba welcomed as trade partner

British Columbia is applauding Manitoba's decision to join the New West Partnership Trade Agreement.

The pact set up by B.C., Alberta and Saskatchewan in 2010 allows business, labour and investment to flow more freely within the region, and also reduces barriers to interprovincial sales.

Premier Christy Clark says bringing Manitoba into the fold can only strengthen the western provinces' open market and will help expand all four economies.

Manitoba Premier Brian Pallister campaigned on a promise to join the trade deal before his Progressive Conservatives were elected in April.

Prior to joining, Manitoba had complained when Saskatchewan announced it would limit some Crown corporation contracts to businesses within the trade zone.

The Alberta government changed its liquor pricing last year to make craft beer from the partnership provinces less expensive than beer from elsewhere.

The former NDP government in Manitoba had balked at joining the regional deal because the New Democrats were focusing on a national trade deal among all provinces.

Former premier Greg Selinger said he also had concerns that the trade deal's rules for settling disputes would lead to expensive lawsuits instead of mediation.

Pallister said Thursday joining the partnership will be good for Manitoba.

"Business owners, community leaders and chambers of commerce from across Manitoba have long called for our province to pursue new opportunities for growth and reduced trade barriers," he said in a news release. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Steven Galloway was fired from his position as UBC creative writing chairman in June. METRO FILE

School probe equated to witch trials

BACKLASH

Handling of investigation 'flawed' on both sides: Atwood

Margaret Atwood says the University of British Columbia's investigation of fellow author Steven Galloway was flawed and failed both sides, comparing it to the Salem witchcraft trials.

Galloway was fired from his position as creative writing chairman in June after a months-long probe into what the university would only describe as "serious allegations."

Atwood, who has won the prestigious Man Booker Prize, faced a social media backlash this week after she joined dozens of prominent authors in signing an open letter calling for an independent inquiry into the university's handling of the case.

She defended her decision on Thursday in an emailed statement.

"Obviously the university was trying to shield students from something — we are still not clear as to what, exactly, and if it's a matter of rape then it should be a matter of jail — but their methods appear to have resulted in a big foggy mess."

The Canadian Press has spoken with five people who say they filed complaints based on behaviour they witnessed or experienced. They say the allegations included sexual harassment, bullying, threats and one incident where Galloway is alleged to have slapped a student.

The faculty association has said all but one of the allegations was not substantiated by the university's investigation.

Several female writers have accused Atwood on Twitter of silencing and intimidating women who might come forward in the future with allegations against powerful men.

> **(UBC's) methods appear to have resulted in a big foggy mess.**
> Margaret Atwood

In her statement, Atwood questioned whether it is an endorsement of "rape culture" or a silencing of anyone to want the university to take a hard look at how it handled the case.

"To take the position that the members of a group called 'women' are always right and never lie — demonstrably not true — and that members of a group called "accused men" are always guilty — (Steven) Truscott, anyone? — would do a great disservice to accusing women and abuse survivors, since it discredits any accusations immediately," she wrote.

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WILDLIFE

The gray jay is their pick for national bird — here's why

Haley Ritchie
Metro | Ottawa

It didn't win the popular vote — coming third behind the common loon and the snowy owl — but the Royal Canadian Geographic Society has plucked an underdog to be the national bird of Canada.

The gray jay, also known as the whiskey jack, has been announced as the winner of a two-year search for a national bird.

The decision is not official — but the society is suggesting the government should name the gray jay as the official bird of Canada.

Smart, hardy and friendly — the Royal Canadian Geographic Society says its choice for Canada's national bird epitomizes the best of the country's national traits.

Gray jays depend heavily on their food caches to get them through the winter. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Unlike the snowy owl and the common loon, the jay stays in Canada all winter long. It is a hardy little creature — having been observed in its nest at -30 C.

Also like Canadians, it's a friendly sort. The little bird isn't shy, known to eat nuts and seeds straight from people's hands.

In First Nations lore, the "wisakedjak" is a trickster and a helper, warning people of predators in the woods and even leading lost travellers home by calling from tree to tree.

The choice is for the birds!

When news broke Wednesday that Canadian Geographic had picked the gray jay, also called the whisky jack, as its nomination for this country's official national bird, it touched off a cacophony of tweets — both for and against — at #CanadaBird.

A great many people asked why more seemingly-iconic birds didn't make the cut, birds like the common loon, the snowy owl or the conveniently-named Canada goose.

"What??!! Really?? Not the mighty loon??" wrote Kelda Larsen on Twitter. "Nothing wrong with gray jays, don't get me wrong but…#CanadaBird"

"Wrong choice @CanGeo Canada already has a national bird – the Canada Geese (sic). If you want to change it go with the Cardinal," wrote a user named @__Danno.

But in the opinion of Dan Strickland, Algonquin's retired chief park naturalist, the stout little jay couldn't be more Canadian. He would know — he's studied them for 50 years.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

POLITICS

Jansen switches from Tory to the NDP

A one-time candidate for the Alberta Progressive Conservative leadership has crossed the floor to the governing NDP.

Sandra Jansen, a Calgary member of the legislature, quit the Tory race last week over personal and online attacks she said had become intolerable. She said the abuse peaked at the Tory policy convention when her nomination forms were vandalized and supporters of another candidate harassed her in the hallways.

Sandra Jansen THE CANADIAN PRESS

She also accused leadership candidate Jason Kenney of bringing "Trump-style politics" to Alberta. Jansen, a two-term MLA, had openly indicated she was mulling whether to leave the Tory caucus and party.

Premier Rachel Notley says Jansen has always been a voice for moderate and progressive politics. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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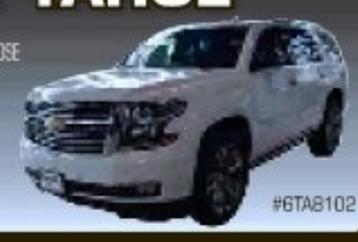

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Migrant deaths hit record

REFUGEE CRISIS

4,500 have died crossing the Mediterranean so far this year

Four Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks in the past 2-1/2 days have caused about 340 migrants to die or go missing, making 2016 the deadliest year on record for asylum seekers risking the dangerous voyage to Europe, a migration organization said Thursday.

The shipwreck casualties brings to over 4,500 the number of migrants who have died or disappeared crossing the Mediterranean so far this year, according to the International Organization for Migration figures. The total compares with the 3,770 people reported dead or missing last year, the previous record.

The organization said Thursday that the death toll is rising as smugglers force departures despite rough, winter seas.

"What is shocking is the cruelty," Flavio Di Giacomo, Italy spokesman for the International Organization for Migration, said. "The traffickers are forcing people to depart despite the prohibitive sea conditions. When they get to the beach, migrants who don't want to go are forced to get on board, even with violence."

Migrants approach the island of Kos, Greece, last year. About 340 migrants have died or gone missing in four Mediterranean Sea shipwrecks over the past 2-1/2 days during the deadliest year on record. ALEXANDER ZEMLIANICHENKO/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Di Giacomo said traffickers care little if the migrants make it alive. "Once you pay, you can't go back," he said.

The count from the recent shipwrecks was based partly on the rescue overnight by Doctors without Borders of 27 migrants, who reported that more than 130 people had been on board their rubber dinghy when it sank, Di Giacomo said. Seven bodies have been recovered.

In another incident, 15 survivors rescued by a mercantile ship about 30 miles from Libyan shores reported that some 135 people died when their smugglers' boat capsized. Five bodies were recovered.

Another ship rescued 23 migrants, who reported that more than 120 people had been on board when they sank overnight Tuesday. Six bodies were recovered Tuesday in the fourth rescue, of 114 people.

The impossibility of recovering bodies of migrants lost at sea means that humanitarian organizations must rely on the accounts of survivors to tally the number believed drowned, as tens of thousands fleeing war, poverty and persecution seek to reach safety in Europe in smugglers' boats.

The European Union's Frontex border agency says a record 27,500 migrants were rescued and brought to Italy in October, the highest monthly total ever in the central Mediterranean and twice as many as in previous months.

So far this year, nearly 160,000 migrants have arrived in Italy, up 13 per cent from last year. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

POLITICS

Clinton: 'Never, ever give up'

Hillary Clinton is acknowledging the difficulty of her loss in the presidential race for her supporters and urging them to persevere through the Donald Trump era.

In remarks that were equal parts pep talk and funeral dirge, Clinton encouraged her backers to "never, ever give up."

"I know this isn't easy. I know that over the past week a lot of people have asked themselves whether America is the country we thought it was," Clinton said Wednesday night at the annual gala of the Children's Defence Fund, the child advocacy organization where she started her legal career. "But please listen to me when I say this: America is worth it."

Hillary Clinton addresses the Children's Defence Fund in Washington on Wednesday. CLIFF OWEN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

She added: "It's up to each and every one of us to keep working to make America better and stronger and fairer."

Clinton never cited the president-elect by name in her remarks, making only an oblique reference to the controversial policies that fueled his rise to the White House.

Instead, she focused on the future, asking her backers to "stay engaged on every level."

"We need you. America needs your energy," she said. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

GERMANY BARACK AND ANGELA TALK DONALD German Chancellor Angela Merkel and U.S. President Barack Obama talk to media after a meeting in Berlin on Thursday. Obama prodded Donald Trump to take a tougher approach toward Russia, while Merkel said she was approaching the Trump administration with "an open mind." MARKUS SCHREIBER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

WORLD NEWS

Dozens killed in fuel-truck explosion in Mozambique

Mozambican media say 73 people were killed and more than 100 others were wounded in a fuel tanker explosion in the north of the country.

Reports Thursday said dozens of charred bodies were scattered around the site and officials believed more might be in surrounding woods.

They said a truck driver from Malawi had turned off the main road to sell fuel to local residents, who were gathered around the vehicle when the fuel caught fire. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Thailand cracking down on insults to royals

Thai authorities cracking down on online insults to the royal family following the recent death of their king pressed Google and Facebook for help as they shut down 1,300-plus websites last month — more than they had in the previous five years combined, according to records. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Inspectors say Harambe's barrier was not effective

A barrier separating Cincinnati Zoo visitors from a gorilla exhibit wasn't in compliance with standards when a three-year-old boy managed to slip inside, resulting in the shooting death of an endangered gorilla named Harambe, federal inspectors concluded.

The death of the 17-year-old male western lowland gorilla led to mourning around the globe and a storm of criticism and unending social media attention. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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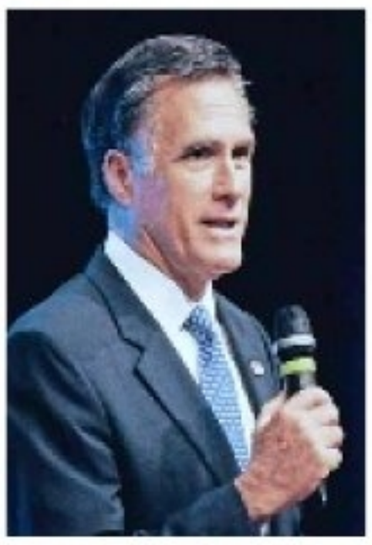
Donald Digest
A roundup of news about the president-elect



From 'loser' to secretary of state?
Mitt Romney will meet this weekend with Donald Trump to discuss taking the secretary of state position, a source told NBC News. Romney has been a critic of Trump, slamming him as a "phoney" and a "fraud." Trump repeatedly referred to Romney as a "loser." AP

Mending Pences
Vice-President-elect Mike Pence says he's confident Trump's administration can find common ground with Democrats. AP

In like Flynn?
Trump has offered retired Lt. Gen. Michael Flynn the job of national security adviser. That's according to a senior Trump official. AP

A new Trumpiculum
San Francisco's public schools have been offered a classroom lesson plan that calls President-elect Donald Trump a racist, sexist man who became president "by pandering to a huge racist and sexist base." AP

Dig deep into Trump, like a masseuse

Understanding U.S. president and his impact will require penetrating thought and persistent focus

I do not recommend Donald Trump as a conversation topic with your deep-tissue masseuse.

As a newbie, you might already fear that a deep-tissue massage could somehow dismember you. And DT is not relaxing. Dim lighting and looped waterfall audio are no match for the spectre that is DT's incoming presidency, the engine squeals of which are already sounding overhead.

You will be now be hearing, every day, the voice of DT oozing out of your radio or TV or YouTube clip, and that is stressful enough. You don't need to hash it over with the man rubbing the bottoms of your feet. Of course, you probably can't help yourself.

All week I've been attempting mental backflips and yogic contortions — efforts to "make sense" of the new world order.

That race and gender, economics, nationalism and technological change all played a role is, I think, clear — although their exact measurements remain a mystery. Did Facebook, too, with its propagation of fake news stories? And what role did willing ignorance play? Did education fail, or are more Americans than many realized simply horses unwilling to drink, probably because we can't agree on what is water?

Here is my favourite — i.e. least-favourite — thing about President-elect DT: Nobody knows what he will do.

That is what makes calls to "give Trump a chance" so alluring — and wrong. President Barack Obama is perhaps obliged to say this. DT's supporters must, or what was the point of voting for him? But the rest of us do so at our peril.

That is why so many in America have been writing this week about vigilance, warning about "normalization" in the media, worrying about free speech. Perhaps you noted the Huffington Post removed an editor's note that called DT racist, reportedly to start his presidency with a "clean slate."

Trump's slate, I think you'll agree, is muddied and decidedly grim. How to bring America together remains a riddle. Writing off all DT voters is simply bad math: They are one in five of all Americans, or twice the population of Canada. It's also the kind of thinking that will only feed the growth of the alternate-universe America, which believed in DT.

IN BRIEF

Chinese government wants more control of Internet, technology
China's leaders are pushing for greater control of the Internet and technology products as tensions surrounding a Chinese cybersecurity law loom.

The People's Daily warned Thursday that China must break monopolies and remain untethered to other countries' tech supply chains.

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Insects, especially crickets, are richer in iron even than a sirloin steak, says a new study. Crunchy!

DECODED by Genna Buck and Andrés Plana

ANIMALS ARE IN DANGER NEAR YOU

Most people know the International Union for the Conservation of Nature (IUCN) keeps a "Red List" of endangered and threatened species. But have you ever wondered how an animal, plant, protist or fungi earns the dubious honour? (Microbes are disqualified.) All these species make their home, or once did, in Canada. **They're all of international concern for conservationists, and our whole planet.**

Extinct

Species extinct in the wild are also called "extirpated." They only live in captivity, such as in zoos.

Extinct

Extinct in the wild

Threatened

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Concerning

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Near Threatened

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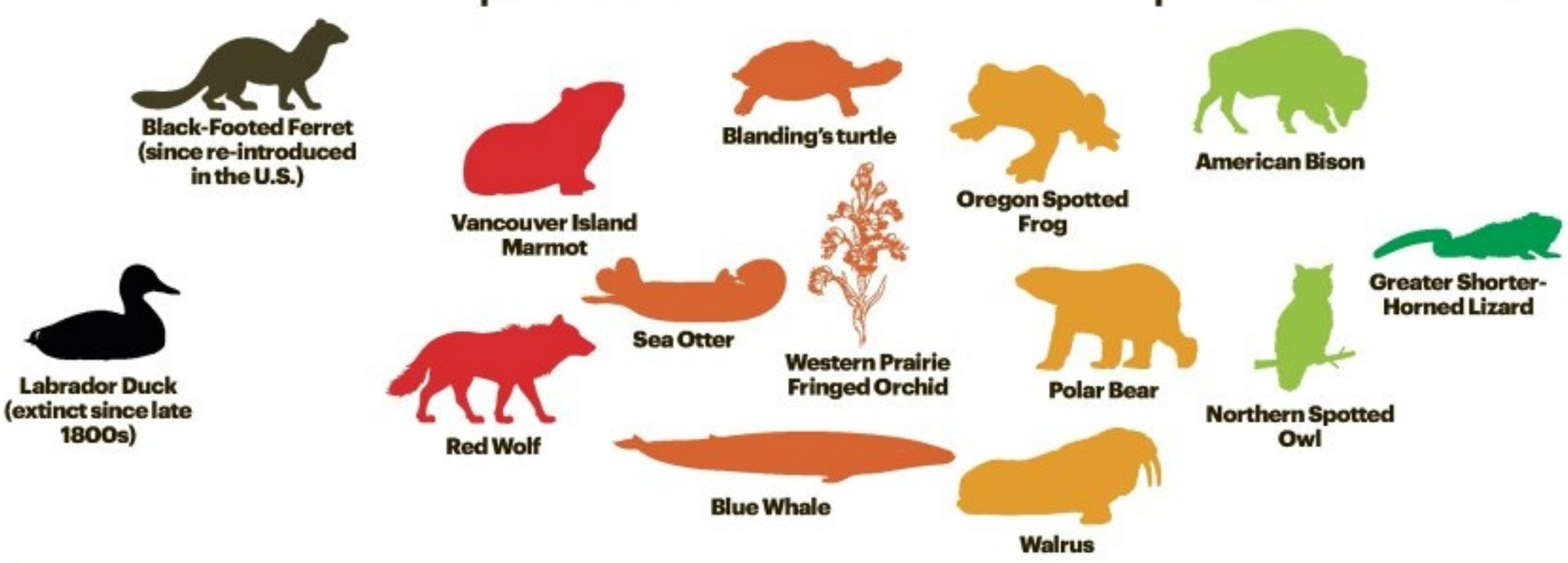

FINDINGS
Your week in science

J28 AND CALF LOOKING THIN IN A DRONE PHOTO. VANCOUVER AQUARIUM, COASTAL OCEAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE

WHALE OF A PROBLEM
Cetacean lovers are anxious about last month's death of the orca J28, a.k.a. Polaris, and likely her year-old calf as well. One fewer breeding female is a setback for the fragile population of 80 southern resident killer whales off the coast of B.C. What's going wrong? Scientists suspect either contagious disease or a dangerous accumulation of toxins. Examples are PCBs (coolants), PBDEs (flame retardants) and even Cesium-137 that drifted over from the site of the 2011 Fukishima nuclear accident.

SOUND SMART

DEFINITION
Bioaccumulation is accumulation of a substance (often toxic) in the body. It happens when a species takes in more of something than it can digest or flush out. It's common in predators at the top of the food chain.
USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Doctors tell pregnant women to avoid predatory fish like shark, swordfish and king mackerel because of the **bioaccumulation** of mercury.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

A word of caution to amateur psychologists

Do you think we have collective psychological trauma from Trump being elected? - Jordyn, Toronto

The study of collective trauma is a complex, emerging area of research. It looks at the effects of traumatic events (like a refugee crisis or genocide), and historical injustices (like slavery). Studies have shown large-scale trauma can affect the way people see themselves as a group. And collective trauma has been used as a theoretical foundation to help explain why historically marginalized people continue to be marginalized by economic and health disparities today.

As far as I can tell, there have never been any studies of collective trauma about something as banal as a regularly scheduled election. But it's true a lot of people are distraught over it. Plus, PTSD has been diagnosed in people traumatized by horror movies, and many would argue that Donald Trump is scarier than Jaws. So I guess it's possible.

"Trauma" is a word that gets thrown around a lot in ways that don't reflect its technical, medical meaning. So I think this is a good time to talk about pop psychology vs. the academic kind.

Psychology attracts a lot of interest from non-scientists: Everyone likes learning about their own mind. Like in any field, psychological theories and ideas come and go. But certain ones have a way of taking hold in the public consciousness, sometimes until long after they've been discarded by academics.

Malcolm Gladwell's seductive books are a perfect example: The finding that 10,000 hours of practice is the magic number needed for mastery didn't hold up in subsequent studies.

I know it's annoying, but before you pass on a sexy psychology idea, consider doing a quick Google search with your key words plus "retracted" "replicated" or "disproved." Often it will crush your conversation-starting dreams. But that's for the best.

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Rowling's magic touched actors early

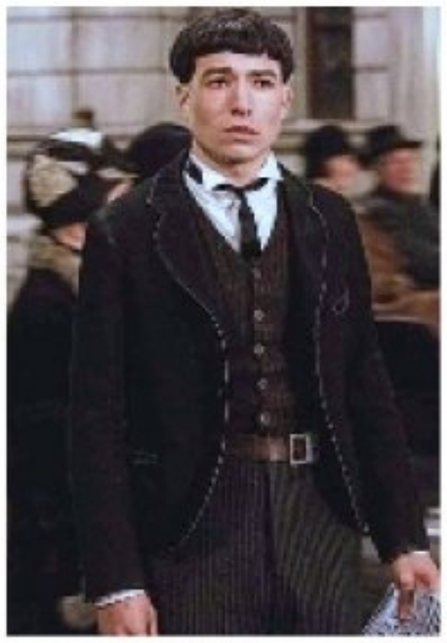
Another J.K. Rowling adventure is on screen. It follows Newt Scamander, author of the textbook Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them (also the film's name), in New York City in the 1920s, 70 years before Harry studied the text at Hogwarts. I spoke with the cast, asking them how Rowling and the Potter phenomenon touched them personally. RICHARD CROUSE/FOR METRO

Eddie Redmayne is Newt Scamander

"I started watching the films when they came out and for me **it was this incredibly warm, wondrous place to go back to every year or two.** It felt familiar and new, and I got to see some of my favourite actors doing extraordinary work. It became a consistent comfort."

Katherine Waterston is Porpentina Goldstein

Waterson plays a witch and former Auror for the Magical Congress of the United States of America: "I really identified with (Rowling's) passion and commitment when I was in my 20s and was a struggling actor. You think of those people and have them in your mind as a mantra to keep you going. Not that one day you may have their success, but that **it is valid to pursue your creative impulses regardless of the outcome."**



Ezra Miller is Credence Barebone

Miller plays a member of the New Salem Philanthropic Society, an anti-witchcraft group: "I think (Rowling) gave to those of us who partook of her work as young people... natural gifts, **a sense of justice and morality, of wonder and of imagination.** A lot of us lose these gifts as we grow old and you look around and adults are boring, tired, jaded and disillusioned but I personally feel J.K. Rowling gave us a means by which to portage those inherent gifts of childhood over the wilderness and into our adult lives."

Dan Fogler is Jacob Kowalski

Fogler plays a non-magical factory worker: "I was a fan of Star Wars, the hero cycle, Joseph Campbell, fantasy, Dungeons and Dragons and all that. When I saw the (Potter) movies I thought, these really contain all of that and they also have that amazing coming of age feeling, like you're watching a John Hughes movie. **All the incredibly personal stuff, like when they did stuff like the Sorting Hats, struck a chord for me.** It reminded me of sleep-away camp when everyone found their own cliques."

Alison Sudol is Queenie Goldstein

Alison Sudol plays a free-spirited witch: "I loved the wizarding world so much, from the get go, from the first page of the first book. I already loved The Chronicles of Narnia and Lewis Carroll, and **here was this world where there was an entirely parallel universe going on alongside ours**, where all these insanely imaginative things were happening. It felt tangible and possible and real. It was such a beautiful place to inhabit in my imagination."

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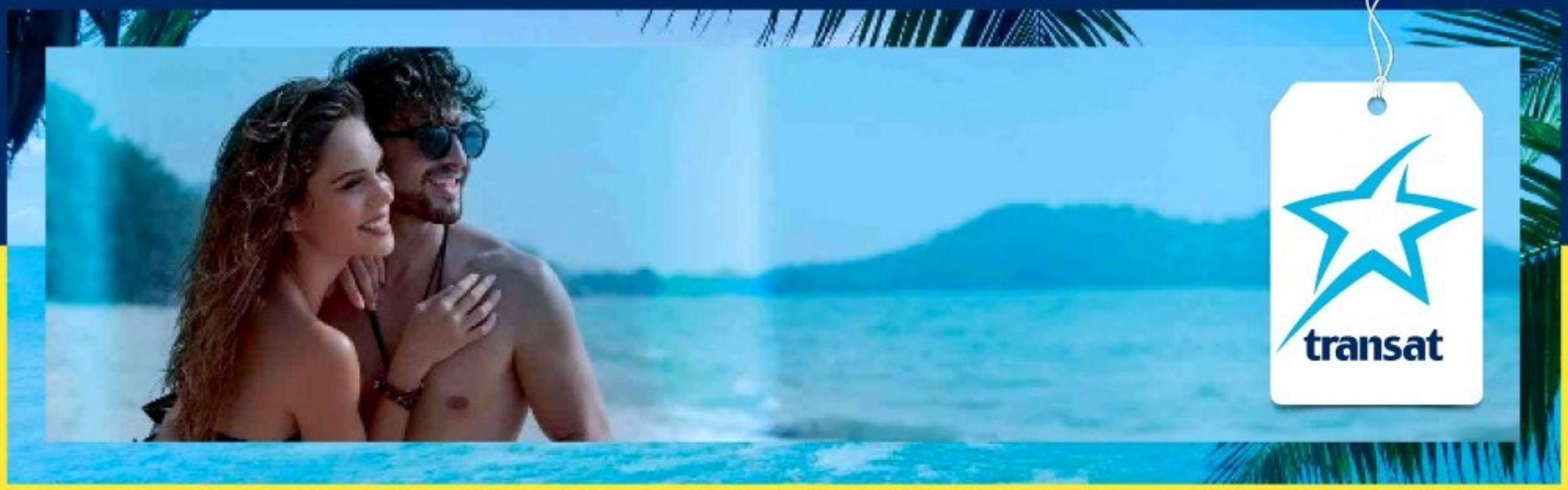

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Capturing millennial teen angst

The Edge of Seventeen is a clever coming-of-age comedy about a social outcast (Hailee Steinfeld) whose temperamental teenage life becomes even more complicated when her best friend begins dating her brother. CONTRIBUTED

EDGE OF SEVENTEEN

Fresh female perspective on the hardships of being a teen

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We're our own worst enemy. The mean girl can be in yourself.
Kelly Fremon Craig

John Hughes ruled the '80s with his iconic Brat Pack movies. Audiences ate up American Pie in the late '90s. Now, filmmaker Kelly Fremon Craig is hoping to be the voice of the millennial high-school experience.

After all, her acclaimed debut feature The Edge of Seventeen is a clever coming-of-age comedy about a social outcast (Hailee Steinfeld) whose temperamental teenage life becomes even more complicated when her best friend (newcomer Halee Lu Richardson) begins dating her brother.

"We're our own worst enemy. You don't have to have a movie like Mean Girls where there's a mean girl at school — the mean girl can be in yourself," said Richardson of the film's fresh female perspective — one that shuns the teen genre's boilerplate formula of conquering cliques or seeking sex.

"A lot of that gets beaten away when you have a respect for how complicated the age is," insisted Craig, who spent six months interviewing teens before writing the script. "As soon as you recognize that you can't use a broad brush, you've stepped away from a genre film because you're trying to say something more specific or nuanced than that."

Enlisting super-producer James L. Brooks was also key to finding the film's au courant tone. After all, the legendary filmmaker behind such Oscar-winning successes as Jerry Maguire and Terms of Endearment (not to mention television hits like The Simpsons) definitely advised Craig to avoid conventional trappings.

"We beat genre away with a stick," said Brooks during the Toronto International Film Festival. "It was always our intention to keep it the hell out of what we were doing and it was healthy for us to patrol the borders that way."

In that sense, casting became critical. While every supporting character resonates, it was Steinfeld (whose breakthrough role in True Grit earned her an Oscar nod at just 14 years old) that will surely speak for the adolescent angst of the millennial generation.

"She was somehow able to pull it all off. She's so ridiculously, impossibly funny and then in the next second, she just shatters you she's so heartbreaking and fragile." said Craig. "If she didn't exist, the movie wouldn't exist."

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INTERVIEW

Victim seeks revenge in Elle

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada

To call director Paul Verhoeven provocative is like suggesting the Atlantic Ocean merely contains some water. He's the man who gave us Saved by the Bell sweetheart Elizabeth Berkley licking a stripper's pole in Showgirls and the splatterfest of Starship Troopers. A cursory glance at any of his films suggests his Taste-O-Meter is permanently set at "garish" but his movies beg for — actually they sit up and demand — more than a cursory look.

His new movie, Elle, based on French-Armenian writer Philippe Djian's award-winning 2012 novel Oh..., is a complex and corrosive psychological thriller about a woman seeking revenge on the man who raped her.

"Sometimes you are in a Hitchcock thriller," says star Isabelle Huppert of the film. "Sometimes you are in a psychological study. Sometimes you are in a comedy and at the end of the day you are in none of those; you are in a Paul Verhoeven film."

Verhoeven's originally planned to relocate the story from France to the United States but ran into roadblocks.

"He makes no secret of that," Huppert laughs. "I like that. He was completely clear. He didn't want me. He wanted an American movie star. He didn't get her so finally he came to get me."

The Paris-born actress was a natural choice to play Michelle. She is a complicated character. As the daughter of a notorious serial killer she has developed a hard shell.

I read the novel first and thought it could potentially be a great film because it is very visual.
Isabella Huppert

She's blunt to the point of rude with everyone from her future daughter-in-law and ex-husband to her mother and son.

She's having an affair with her best friend's husband.

"I read the novel first and thought it could potentially be a great film because it is very visual and the character is very interesting," she says. "Then eventually the writer Philippe Djian said he always had me in mind while he was writing the novel. No wonder I immediately felt connected to the role."

Elle is a deeply polarizing movie — in Cannes it was equally lauded and condemned — that treads some very delicate territory.

Not that this is a delicate film. The assault is first heard, then seen in increasingly graphic detail as the running time climbs to the closing credits.

The movie has taken some heat because it's a male director making a film about a female reaction to assault. Huppert rejects the criticism.

"He told me very little and let me take the role wherever I wanted," she says of Verhoeven. "That might be so that at the end you don't have to measure the extent of the (male gaze). The role is not a man's fantasy. I don't think so. The way she is halfway between a victim and the usual James Bondish avenger. She is really in an in-between space which I think is, essentially, very, very, feminine. It is the exploration of something in between, which makes the character very interesting.

"That doesn't make the character like it was the product of a man's fantasy. Plus, as an actress, all the way through, I felt completely protected by him. I never felt the smallest sense of danger or being manipulated."

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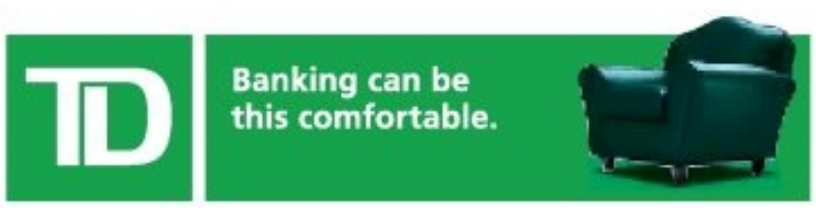

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Lane 8's current tour is dubbed This Never Happened.
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Connecting organically

INTERVIEW

Daniel 'Lane 8' Goldstein asks fans to power down for shows

Ben Rayner
Torstar News Service

Well, he's never gonna get a track placed in an iPhone ad now, but Denver DJ/producer Daniel 'Lane 8' Goldstein is at least doing his part to stave off humanity's total enslavement by the machines for a few nights.

For Lane 8's current tour, dubbed This Never Happened, Goldstein has politely instituted a no-phones policy in hopes that club crowds might reconnect with the business of gettin' down to his ultrasmooth and melodic taste in faintly tech-y music all night long and forget about snapping selfies and posting unwatchable live videos.

I love the "This Never Happened" concept. I wish more artists would institute the same policy. What's the thinking behind forbidding phones in the clubs on this tour?

It all came about as a reaction to what we experienced on my album tour (for Rise) last year. Whenever I played one of the more popular singles from the album, like Hot As You Want instead of being a huge, uplifting moment in the show, the audience reaction was always pretty flat — because half the crowd was recording on their phones! My team and I just couldn't reconcile our own early clubbing experiences with what we were seeing in 2015. We really wanted to do something about the problem, to help people connect more organically and intensely with music and with each other. Banning phones seemed like one integral part of the experience we wanted to build.

Was there a specific incident that catalyzed the idea and made you think: "That's it, I've had enough"?

I don't think there was one specific incident that stands out in my memory. It's a problem that plagues our entire society. The dance floor isn't the only place where people miss out on real human connection because they're staring at their phone screens. But as a performer and a lover of dance music and live music, I personally feel very strongly that phones don't belong on the dance floor. Being on Instagram in a club misses the entire point of going to a club, in my view.

What's the reaction been? Have people generally complied with your request?

The reaction has been incredible. We were, of course, a little nervous that people would hate us for trying to take their phones away (we don't do that) but people have been so accepting and willing to try the concept, and have absolutely loved the experience. It's always nice for me to see groups of friends connecting in the audience in such an intimate way, or people meeting each other and bonding over their common music taste — those are things that were much rarer for me to see before we started "This Never Happened."

I'm guessing you don't have a gang of goons patrolling the room to make sure people are adhering to your request. How does one go about enforcing the policy?

We actually do, ha! There are a few steps we take to enforce the rules. The first and most important is communication — we make a real effort to get the word out about what we're doing on social media, on ticket-buying pages and with our email list so ideally by the time someone arrives at the venue they will understand what they're getting into. At the venue, we take some more practical steps. We tape over everyone's front and back cameras with our snazzy, TNH-branded phone tape, we hand everyone a business card that has our motto on it — "Leave Your Phone, Experience the Moment, This Never Happened" — and we have security remind everyone of the concept as they walk in. Once inside, the core values are posted clearly on the wall.

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As cool as ice

The Pemberton Ice Cap is the southernmost of five giant icefields in B.C. and a short helicopter ride from Whistler. HEADLINE MOUNTAIN HOLIDAYS PHOTOS

BRITISH COLUMBIA

Fantastical frozen shapes create scenery in glacial caves

Jennifer Allford
For Torstar News Service

We walk into the ice cave — fingers skimming the frozen wall, boots and hiking pole picking over boulders and a little river rushing alongside. Before we go too far into the cavern of blue, we pause, take off our gloves and turn on our headlamps.

We're walking underneath part of the Pemberton Icecap, the southernmost of five giant icefields in B.C., about 1,300 metres up and a 20-minute helicopter ride from Whistler.

The caves, tunnels really, are formed every year by water melting along the bed of the glacier. As we walk through the ice, drops of water fall on your face and little chunks of ice — just enough for a gin and tonic — bounce off your shoulder.

"I like to hang out in the blue," says Doug Washer with a grin as bright as the headlamp on his helmet. "It's my happy place."

As head of Head-Line Mountain Holidays, Washer helps bring hundreds of visitors to the icecap every year to hike the caves, go snowmobiling or, in some cases, hold a wedding. We pick our way over the slippery rocks and Washer points out a moulin, a skylight in the tunnel that lets the sun stream in, showing off fantastical frozen shapes and about a million shades of blue in the ice. He warns us not to touch a giant sculpture of ice that descends from the top of the tunnel, technically an icicle, but he encourages us to get up close to the walls of the cave to see air bubbles and bits of sand trapped in the ice.

Washer has been leading backcountry tours for about 30 years and he clearly delights in showing the wonders waiting in the caves.

"I get more joy taking people on this trip than any other thing I've ever done," he says.

Eager to learn more about the ice, Washer is working with glaciologist Gwenn Flowers from Simon Fraser University to better understand how the icecap is changing.

"Ice itself flows, it turns over with time," Flowers says from her office in Vancouver. "The ice starts as snow and becomes incorporated into the glacier, flows through and eventually melts out somewhere else."

The ice cave we're in came from somewhere upstream and she estimates it's likely been around for decades, maybe centuries.

If you go

Find out more
Head-Line Mountain Holidays has a Heli Ice Cave Explore package that starts at $1,395 per person, based on four people. The guided adventure starts with a helicopter ride from Whistler and takes about four hours.

We emerge from the cave and walk up through rocks artfully arranged by ice and time. We turn off our headlamps and head back to the helicopters that are parked on top of the ice caves.

Washer leads the way, probing the ice with a pole to ensure we aren't walking over a crevasse. We snake our way back single file, smelling the barbecue and, when we get there, we strip off a few layers to enjoy grilled skewers of meat and shrimp in the sun.

As we eat, Washer tells us about the worms that live in the ice and the upside-down necklace shape of the arches we walked through. "It's the strongest shape in the world," he says.

As we sit atop a retreating icecap, the talk turns, inevitably, to climate change.

"We are part of the problem but I like to ask the question, 'How do I be part of the solution,'" says Washer of the research project with Flowers. "Literally, each and every time we are flying out here, we are photographing, we are measuring, we are assessing, we are recording what's going on," he says.

Engrossed in conversation, we don't notice the clouds coming in. But the pilots do. It's time to go.

As we take off, looking down at the deep lines of blue that run through the ice, we can't help but wonder about the rivers flowing, ice sculptures forming and worms that are moving underneath.

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TRAVEL NOTES HOLIDAY DRONES, OLYMPIC SURFING AND PRINCESS DI'S STYLE

Disney World using 300 drones in new holiday light show

Walt Disney World is using 300 drones in a new Christmas light show. A dress rehearsal was held Wednesday night, but Disney has not announced dates for the show. The Orlando Sentinel reports it is believed to be the first time drones will be used in a performance of this magnitude in the U.S. Disney is collaborating with Intel on the project. The show will take place at Disney Springs.

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Hawaii to use Olympic surfing to attract tourists

Hawaii is trying to bring in more tourists by taking advantage of surfing's elevation to Olympic sport status. Surfing will be an official sport in the 2020 Olympic games in Tokyo. The Hawaii Tourism Authority usually spends most of its $9.1 million U.S. sports budget on land-based events, but will start to focus on surfing and water sports as the games approach.

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ISTOCK

New exhibition celebrates the style of Princess Diana

Kensington Palace in London says a new exhibition tracing the evolution of the late Princess Diana's style is set to open in February. The palace said Tuesday that the exhibition, Diana: Her Fashion Story is the first palace exhibition in a decade to focus solely on the princess. It will include Victor Edelstein's ink blue velvet gown, which Diana wore as she danced with John Travolta at the White House in 1985. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Milos Raonic qualified for the semifinals of the ATP Finals with a 7-6 (5), 6-3 win over Dominic Thiem

Jennings instils Lions with belief

CFL

Second-year QB leads B.C. into Calgary for West final

Solomon Elimimian has heard plenty of motivational halftime banter.

The script between teammates tends to be pretty similar in most cases — players imploring each other to continue fighting if they're behind or to keep the foot on the gas if they're ahead.

But every so often there's an unexpected twist.

With the B.C. Lions down 13 points at the break in last Sunday's playoff game, softspoken second-year quarterback Jonathon Jennings stood up in the locker-room and calmly let everyone know things were going to be fine if the club stayed the course.

He would lead them to victory.

"When people say that, sometimes you might not believe them, but when Jon says it he actually means it," said Elimimian, the star B.C. linebacker who led the CFL with 130 tackles. "Guys know when other guys are telling the truth, and when Jon said that, guys were like: 'We're going to be all right.'"

And they were.

Jennings rebounded from two early turnovers to lead the Lions all the way back to a dramatic 32-31 victory over the Winnipeg Blue Bombers in the West Division semifinal.

The 24-year-old orchestrated consecutive long touchdown drives in the fourth quarter with the poise of a veteran, taking what the defence gave him with short passes underneath before a memorable nine-yard scramble to the end zone with just over a minute to play for the game-clinching points.

"The bigger the moment, the better he is," said Lions head coach and general manager Wally Buono.

Asked why he almost always seems to comes up big when the pressure's on, Jennings said it boils down to treating each situation the same.

"I don't think it's some type of magic," said the Columbus native. "It's just going out there and executing play by play."

Elimimian, the CFL's most outstanding player in 2014 and one of the Lions' undisputed leaders, said despite the success Jennings has enjoyed on the field in leading B.C. to within a game of the Grey Cup, little has changed off it.

"He's down to earth. He's a humble kid. We expect so much from him because we've seen so much from him, but he's only 24," said Elimimian. "It's scary to see his growth from last year. It's even scarier to think how good he can be.

"Jon doesn't talk as if he's a star quarterback."

When he does speak, his teammates listen.

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Jonathon Jennings
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5,226

Jennings threw for 5,226 yards and 27 TDs with a 67 per cent completion rate this season.

NHL CANUCKS ENTERTAIN DESERT DOGS Canucks defenceman Alexander Edler, right, jostles with Coyotes centre Laurent Dauphin at Rogers Arena on Thursday night. Go to metronews.ca for the story. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

MLB

Bryant and Trout earn MVP honours

Chicago Cubs slugger Kris Bryant has been voted NL MVP, and Los Angeles Angels centre-fielder Mike Trout is the AL winner for the second time in three years.

Bryant hit .292 with 39 homers and 102 RBIs in just his second year in the majors, helping the Cubs to their first World Series title since 1908. He becomes just the sixth player to win rookie of the year and MVP in one or consecutive seasons.

Bryant received 29 first-place votes, and Washington second baseman Daniel Murphy was the runner-up.

While the Angels finished fourth in the AL West, Trout was his usual brilliant self. He batted .315 with 29 homers, 100 RBIs and 30 steals. He scored 17 per cent of Los Angeles' runs, the highest percentage for an AL player since Rickey Henderson with the 1985 New York Yankees.

Trout received 19 of 30 first-place votes. Boston right-fielder Mookie Betts was second.

AL batting champion Jose Altuve of Houston was third, and Toronto's Josh Donaldson, who won the award in 2015, placed fourth. Edwin Encarnacion was 14th. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Kris Bryant and Mike Trout
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Arena investment part of Seahawk's dream

NFL

QB Wilson is keen to own stake in sports franchise

Russell Wilson believes joining an investment group looking to build a new NBA/NHL arena in Seattle is the first step toward his goal of eventually owning a piece of a professional sports franchise.

The Seattle Seahawks quarterback talked at length Thursday about joining Chris Hansen in the attempt to get a new arena constructed in Seattle's stadium district.

He spoke for nearly 10 minutes before addressing a single football-related question as his involvement in the project has drawn nearly as much interest as his production on the field.

Russell Wilson is the pivot for the Seattle Seahawks.
ADAM GLANZMAN/GETTY IMAGES

"It's one of those things that we need to make it happen, just because it's a special thing. It will be for years and years to come," Wilson said. "I want my kids to have that opportunity. Nothing better than going to an NBA basketball game and being able to see basketball players — NHL game, there's so many great athletes."

Wilson announced he was joining Hansen's group on Monday. He said he's known Hansen for a couple of years and the timing was right to formally join.

It certainly doesn't hurt that Wilson signed a contract extension worth up to $87 million before the 2015 season, giving him the financial clout to be an investor. And his name gives an instant and significant public relations boost to a project that has faced road blocks from political figures.

"I've been really authentic about wanting to own a team one day and being a part of something really special. I definitely have a business mindset and I want to be able to help people and give back," Wilson said.
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MMA

Johnson, McGregor top latest UFC ranks

Irish MMA phenom Conor McGregor, who added the UFC lightweight title to his featherweight championship on the weekend, has moved up to No. 2 in the UFC's pound-for-pound rankings.

McGregor, who trails only flyweight title-holder Demetrious (Mighty Mouse) Johnson in the rankings, jumped two spots in voting by a media panel.

In moving up, he knocked bantamweight champion Dominick Cruz and light-heavyweight title-holder Daniel Cormier to No. 3 and 4, respectively. McGregor (21-3-0) defeated Eddie Alvarez at UFC 205 to become the first double title holder in two weight divisions. Strawweight champion Joanna Jedrzejczyk is the highest-ranked woman in seventh.
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Conor McGregor
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IN BRIEF

Villanova beat W. Michigan
Eric Paschall had 17 points, including a 3-pointer with 2:50 to go, to help rally No. 3 Villanova past Western Michigan 76-65 at the Charleston Classic Thursday.

The defending champion Wildcats opened 3-0 for the fourth straight season. Not that it was easy after Western Michigan cut a 14-point second-half lead to 69-56 late on. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Reports say Gerrard is headed into management
Liverpool captain Steven Gerrard could be heading for his first managerial job.

British media reports say English third-tier side MK Dons has held talks with Gerrard over its managerial vacancy. The 36-year-old Gerrard announced this week he is leaving the LA Galaxy after two seasons.
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RECIPE Grilled Ham, Apple and Cheese Sandwich

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

Is there any better sandwich than one grilled to perfection, especially when it mixes salty ham with the sweetness of crisp apples?

Ready in 15 minutes
Prep time: 5 minutes
Cook time: 10 minutes
Serves 2

Ingredients
- 4 pieces wholegrain bread
- 2 Tbsp butter, softened
- 4 slices ham
- 1 cup cheddar, grated
- 1/2 Granny Smith apple, thinly sliced
- 1 Tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 Tbsp yogurt
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard

Directions

1. Mix mayo, yogurt and mustard in a small bowl.

2. Warm large skillet over medium heat. Place two pieces of bread butter side down in the pan. Spread mayo mix across the two slices of bread. Divide grated cheese in half and sprinkle it over the bread.

3. Lay two slices of ham onto each piece of bread. Add layer of apple slices. Top with the other pieces of bread, butter side out.

4. Flip when bottom slice looks crisp and golden, about 5 minutes. Cook another 3 to 5 minutes, till cheese is melted and bread is golden brown, then remove to a cutting board, slice and serve.

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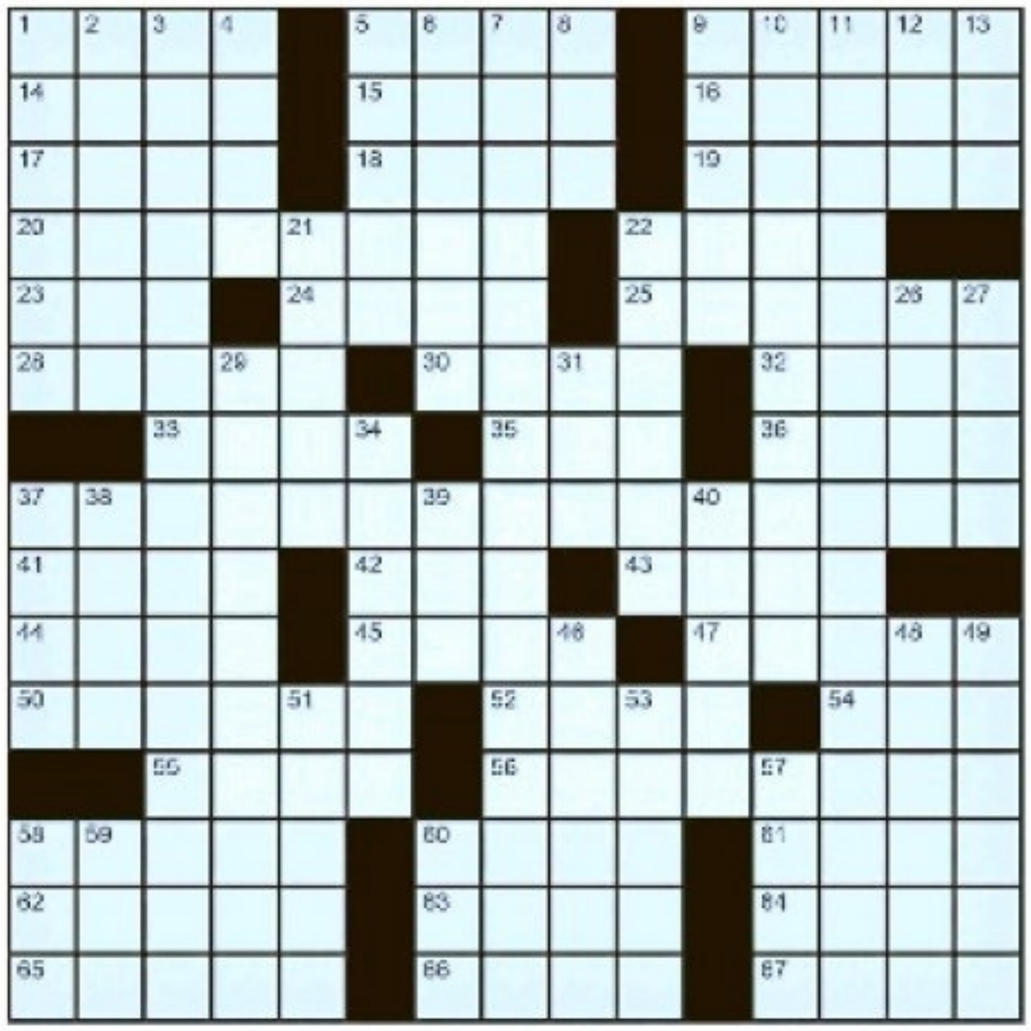

ACROSS
1. Secret-passer's sound
5. Li'l force on FOX's "Lethal Weapon"
9. British songstress Beth
14. Sgt. Snorkel's comical dog
15. "...friend or _ _?"
16. Strainer
17. Ms. Tilly's
18. "Assuming that's true...": 2 wds.
19. Nero's 254
20. Publicist's media packet: 2 wds.
22. Montreal-born humourist Mort
23. War on Poverty agcy. created by US President Johnson
24. Recreation spot, in Quebec
25. Readies
28. _ Code
30. Volcanic crater
32. Outperform
33. Outfit
35. TV brand
36. Alternative magazine, _ Reader
37. Gusto TV series showcasing Canada's diverse cuisine: 3 wds.
41. Majority
42. Lenore poet's monogram
43. Memo
44. Curve
45. Actress Ms. Summer
47. Dock's dockees
50. Enthusiastic: 2 wds.
52. "Full Metal Jacket" (1987) actor, _, _ Ermey
54. US gun gr.
55. August: French
56. Family name of Princesses Beatrice and Eugenie's mother Sarah
58. 'The Hare' constellation
60. Saint Petersburg's river
61. Loretta of "M*A*S*H"
62. Keels parts
63. "Law & Order: SVU" actor
64. "_!_ bug!"
65. New _, India
66. _ _ time (Never)
67. Historic times

DOWN
1. Toque topper
2. "Connected" by _ MC's
3. Place of worship in England at Windsor Castle where Prince Charles and Camilla received the blessing of their 2005 wedded union: 3 wds.
4. Throw out
5. Arcade Fire's "Neighborhood #2 (_)"
6. Ratify
7. Like the scenic imagery of a tourist spot such as Peggys Cove: 2 wds.
8. God willing, _
volente
9. Acting honour
10. Historic town in eastern New Brunswick located on the river sharing its name
11. "I give up on this riddle already!": 4 wds.
12. 'Egg'-meaning prefix
13. Reno, _,
21. 'Dum spiro, _' = 'While I breathe, I hope'
22. Twisted ankle injury
26. Feudal labourer
27. British WWII submachine gun
29. Wasn't taken in by the hoax: 2 wds.
31. "Yikes!"
34. German playwright Bertolt
37. Mr. Epps
38. Ms. Ephron
39. Roman myth household deity
40. "Ain't Too Proud _ _" by The Temptations
46. "Ocean's _" (2001)
48. Three-horsed Russian carriage
49. Mr. Claus'
51. Also: French
53. One of Thalia's mythological sisters
57. One being conned
58. '60s hallucinogen
59. _ out a living
60. Ms. Peeples

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Be careful not to fall for smarmy rhetoric or fast-talking words that sell you an idea. Today, discussions about religion, politics and racial matters are deceptive. Think for yourself.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
This is a poor day for important financial decisions, especially about inheritances and shared property. That's because your thinking is hazy.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Discussions with others might be confusing. Be very clear in everything you have to say today. Likewise, make sure you understand others.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Someone might appeal to your sense of sympathy at work today. Perhaps this is genuine; perhaps it is not. It's good to be helpful — on the other hand, don't be conned.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might be disappointed by romance today. Or a social occasion might leave you wanting more. Perhaps you expected something different? Unexpressed expectations almost always lead to disappointment.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Family discussions are confusing today; be aware of this. Listen to others but wait until tomorrow to agree to anything important.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
Be careful when doing home repairs today because you might not have all the facts. Something will confuse you. It is better to postpone acting until tomorrow, which is a clear day (mentally speaking).

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
This is not a good day for important financial decisions, because you might be deceived or you might have incorrect information. Furthermore, wishing doesn't make it so.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Today it's as if you have Vaseline on your lens. You might see someone or something as being better than it is — or even worse than it is. It's hard to say.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Secrets might come out today. If so, don't be quick to believe them. Don't believe everything you hear. Test the facts for yourself.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Today a friend might try to convince you of something or you might feel pressured by a group. In either case, do not respond. Wait until tomorrow so you'll know what's really happening.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
Conversations with authority figures are confusing today, which is why you should not act on an important decision. Make sure you know what you need to know.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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